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Letter dated 19 December 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 14 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (1999 and 2000) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Burundi	34 977.80[a]
Central African Republic	285 743.00
Comoros	709 495.25[a]
Georgia	6 473 482.00[a]
Guinea-Bissau	424 643.00
Iraq	12 309 245.00
Kyrgyzstan	92 902.33
Liberia	1 041 570.00
Niger	302 582.00
Republic of Moldova	2 646 108.00[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	555 043.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Somalia	956 343.00
Tajikistan	1 883 224.00
Uzbekistan	873 954.00

[a] By its decision 55/473 C of 25 July 2001, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Comoros, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2002.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General